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RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND GRADUATE STUDY IN NORTH KOREA

As provided for by Ordinance No 3, Ministry of Education, research institutes shall be established according to the following regulations:

A. General Provisions

Research institutes shall be established in universities by order of the Ministry of Education, to train scientists, professors, and executives.

Total enrollment and required subjects of study at each research institute shall be determined by the Ministry of Education.

B. Entrance Requirements

A graduate student who is under 40 years of age and a citizen of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea may be admitted to a research institute if he passes the entrance examinations covering the following subjects: fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism, political economy, two subjects in his major field of study and two foreign languages (Russian and either English, German, or French).

Qualified students will be admitted upon recommendation of the university president or dean, and upon approval of the Ministry of Education. Students with distinctly superior academic records, or those who have had at least two years of actual training in their undergraduate major, will be given special consideration for admittance into a research institute.

C. Graduate Studies

The research institutes shall offer 3 years of graduate studies leading to an advanced degree. During the 3-year graduate program outlined for individual students by the graduate seminar director, each student shall receive individual guidance from the professor in charge. Up to five students may be assigned to each professor, whose salary shall be computed on the basis of 60 hours of individual instruction per academic year. A professor may also receive his regular salary for classroom instructions in addition to that for individual instruction of graduate students assigned to him.

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Thesis subjects must be reported to the Ministry of Education. A student may be given the privilege of visiting certain factories and scientific institutions or of consulting with engineers, etc., to collect material for his thesis. Before graduation, all students are required to take 4 credit hours in Marxism-Leninism, 4 credit hours of dialectical materialism, 6 credit hours of Russian language, and 2 credit hours of other foreign languages in addition to their major subjects.

D. Duties and Privileges

The state shall pay all education expenses and guarantee dormitory accommodations for graduate students. Students who display special enthusiasm in both social welfare and academic activities, and whose achievements are recognized by the seminar council on the basis of two written reports submitted by the student each semester, may be granted privileges that ordinarily are given to assistant professors.

The graduate student may not earn a living other than by teaching. He must observe all the rules of the university. Students who fail to perform the graduate work satisfactorily shall be dropped from the register by recommendation of the university president or by the graduate dean, and with approval of the Ministry of Education.

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